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SUBJECT: OLYMPIC AIRLINES PILOTS STRIKE

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1. THE OLYMPIC AIRLINES PILOT STRIKE ENDED, TEMPORARILY AT LEAST, AT 4 P.M. ATHENS TIME APRIL 6.
2. AN ATHENS COURT RULES ON APRIL 5 THAT THE STRIKE WAS ILLEGAL. REPORTEDLY, THE COURT FOUND THAT THE PILOTS' ASSOCIATION DECISION TO STRIKE WAS ILLEGAL BECAUSE PILOTS OPPOSED TO THE STRIKE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK BEFORE THE STRIKE VOTE WAS TAKEN AT THE ASSOCIATIONS'S GENERAL MEETING OF MARCH 16. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS RATIONALE AS THE COURT OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 12 FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.
3. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 6 THAT BECUAE OF THE COURT'S DECISION THE STRIKE WOULD BE "TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED" TO AVOID LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ASSOCIATION LEADERS.

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4. OLYMPIC HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS REGULAR INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SCHEDULE HAS BEEN RESUMRED EXCEPT FOR FLIGHTS TO AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND MONTREAL-CHICAGO, AND THAT IN ADDITION 46 SPECIAL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET EASTER HOLIDAY DEMAND.
5. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE HOW MANY OF THE

STRIKING PILOTS WILL ACTUALLY RETURN TO WORK.
RE PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTTEL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT
APPROXIMATELY 100 OF THE GREEK PILOTS WHO OPPOSED THE
STRIKE HAVE CONTINUED FLYING, THUS ENABLING OLYMPIC
TO MAINTAIN PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SERVICE
THROUGHOUT THE STRIKE. ALL 300 GREEK PILOTS ARE NOT
NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A FULL SCHEDULE.

6. THE THIRTEEN BOEING PILOTS ARE NEEDED, HOWEVER,
TO FLY OLYMPIC'S 737'S. ALL 737'S HAVE BEEN GROUNDED
SINCE BOEING WITHDREW ITS PILOTS. BOEING'S AREA
DIRECTOR INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT, FOLLOWING THE
COURT RULING THAT THE STRIKE WAS ILLEGAL, BOEING
INSTRUCTED ALL ITS PILOTS TO RETURN TO WORK. ALL
DID SO WILLINGLY AS OF EARLY APRIL 6. HE SAID THAT
THEIR RETURN WAS IMPERATIVE IN LIGHT OF IMPLICATIONS OF
COURT DECISION. HE COMMENTED THAT EARLIER IALPA
CONSULTATIONS IN ATHENS WITH HELLENIC CAA AND OLYMPIC
AIRWAYS WERE INCONCLUSIVE AND THAT THERE COULD BE
NO REPEAT NO INFERENCE THAT BOEING PILOTS WERE
USED AS STRIKEBREAKER. HE ADDED THAT ALPA PRESIDENT
O'DONNELL HAD BEEN MISINFORMED THAT BOEING PILOTS
WERE FLOWN IN FROM SEATTLE DURING THE STRIKE AND HAD
NOT KNOWN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HERE FOR SOME TIME UNDER
CONTRACT. BOEING'S U.S. OFFICES, HE REPORTED, HAVE
BEEN IN SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH O'DONNELL.
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